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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	09/736,828
Filing Date	December 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	Charles D. Ritz
Examiner Name	Thissell, Jennifer I.
Group / Art Unit	3635
Attorney Docket No.	321802.1020

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**FEE CALCULATION**

1. BASIC FILING FEE		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility Filing Fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design Filing Fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	- 20** =	X 9.00	=	
Multiple Dependent	- 3** =	X 42.00	=	
			140.00	=

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					

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**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

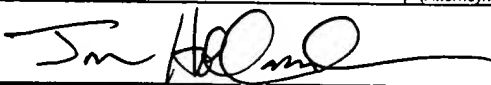
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	55.00
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive-unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional application	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited exam. of a design application	

Other fee (specify):

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In re application of: Charles D. Ritz

Group No.: 3635

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Examiner: Thissell, Jennifer I.

Filing Date: December 13, 2000

Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INCREASING THE LOAD CAPACITY AND STABILITY OF GUYED TOWERS**

Attached are the following documents for filing with the USPTO:

Amendment Transmittal Letter  
Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
Fee Transmittal  
Credit Card Authorization Form  
Fourth Response  
Return Receipt Postcard



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Response/Amendment  
☐ Fee as Calculated Below  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
☒ Small Entity status has been established.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer  
☐ Corrected Drawings  
☐ Other:

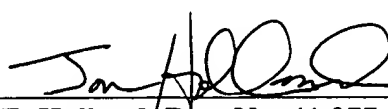
CLAIMS AS AMENDED FOR SMALL ENTITY					
	Claims After Amendment	Highest Prev. Paid For	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	39	- 40	0	x \$9.00	= \$0
Independent Claims	6	- 6		x \$42.00	= \$0
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment					= \$0

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